A TRUE ACCOUNT OF THE Dreadful Fire,

WHICH

Happened on *Sunday*, the 19th of *November*, between Ten and Eleven at Night

IN

WAPPING

As alſo;

Of what Perſons were Hurt and Burnt, and of one that was taken ſuſpected to have Fire-balls.

AMONGST the many Judgments where with God Almighty has been pleaſed to puniſh this Nation and this City, that of Fire has been the ſevereſt, conſidering ſince the late Dreadful Fire (of almoſt conſuming this whole City) there hath happened ſeveral great Fires, as that of the Temple, that of *Covent-Garden*, that of *Southwark*, and many others, together with this laſt at *Wapping*, which I ſhall declare the very truth of, having it of one that was an Eye Witneſs of it; which take as follows.

On *Sunday*, about ten a Clock at Night, in *Cinnmon-ſtreet* in *Wapping*, happned a very Dreadful Fire, which, as 'tis ſaid, began at one Mr. *Allens*, a Maſter of a Ship, cloſe by Sir *William Warrens*, which was a great Wood-yard on the one ſide, and Mr. *Ricrafts*, on the other, a Timber-Merchant likewiſe; It Burnt very

furiously, and in a short time laid the Street wholy in Ashes, to the great affrightment of all the Inhabitants in those parts.

There was a great Ship a Building, in the Dock, hard by Sir. *William Warrens* House, which belonged to one Sir *John Whitewand*, who profferred and gave 200 *l.* to the Seamen to save, her, which with great Labour and Pains they did it, being a Miracle to all the future Spectators how she escaped, considering the Houses that were Burnt so near her, and a great quantity of Timber that lay there was likewise consumed.

It Burnt all *Munday* Morning up towards *Wapping-wall*, and about 12 at Noon it took hold of a great Pile of Building, called the Old Whater-house, which it Consumed in less than an hour, and then, it crossing the way, Burnt very furiously along the Water side, and had it not been for the Vigilant care and great Industry of his Grace the Duke of *Albermarle*, the Lord *Craven*, and the 2 Sheriffs of *London*, who not only put courage into those mirrour of Men (the Seamen) (whose Labour and Pains, as well in this as in other Fires, might not be forgotten) but also by their wisdom and direction Ordered several Houses to be Blown up, which put some present stop to it, else it had took hold of a great Ship that lay by *Wapping-wall*, but then the Tide coming in they got her off, and several others that lay on Ground there.

The Fire, notwithstanding the many Houses that were Blown up, continued vehemently Burning up, to the *Wapping-wall*, and so to *King-street-Bridg*, and near to *New-Gravel-lane*, and could not be stopped there, being many Timber Houses, and others whose out Walls (as is usual there abouts) were nothing but Deals Tar'd without side, which was but as Tinder to the Fire, so that it was about 4 a Clock in the Afternoon before they could get the head of it, the Wind having been very High and continued Westerly all Night and all *Munday*.

There were many People Destroyed 3 or 4 of whichl ay as open Spectacles, and, 'tis said, above 20 more are Burnt and Maimed; one was knocked on the Head by Timber, as a House Blew up, but it will be some time before the true Account of the Loss of Men killed and wounded can be known. The damage that both Rich rnd Poor have sustained by this Fire cannot yet be Computed, the greatest Sufferer, if we may give credit to common Report, is Sir *William Warren*; who hath lost some hundreds a year. There are many Timber, Yards Burnt and great stacks of Coles, and according to most Mens Judgments, there are about a Thousand Houses Burnt and Blown up, beside a great Number that are spoiled; to particularize of each Mans Sufferings and Loss, would be to tedious, time will too soon shew and discover it, the effects are very sad already, all the Fields belonging to the Lady *Ivey* (who was likewise a considerable sufferer in this Calamity, the Poor there much lamenting her, she being eminent for her Charity) and all up to *Stepney* were filled with Peoples goods, as also those Fields that were between that place and *White-Chappel*, and several Ships that lay in the River were filled with goods, the like, unless it was the great Fire, has not been knownly, it exceeding the computation of most, the great Fire in *Southwark*; and the Loss of some Timbermen had been far greater had not they by great help saved their Wood in the River, how this Fire came is not yet known. The report (as in such accidents) being various, many affirm it was by the carelessness of a Sarvant, who being to Rise early to wash on *Munday* Morning, let the Candle stand burning by her, and she falling a Sleep, it took hold of the Bed, others say it came by carelessness of a *Sawyer*, who lay in a Garret of the said House, and fell suddenly a Sleep, setting his Candle burning by him he being little less than Drunk, when he came home, but the truth of that, as also the Loss, the Number of Houses Burnt, the Men Slain and Wounded, must be left for future time to discover, and it would be well if this might be a Warning to all negligent Servants, who by their carelesness may ruine more Familiss in a Day and a Night

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Night, than a whole Age may Repair again. There was a Fellow ſeized and they ſaid ſeveral Fire-balls were took about him, they hurried him away to the Wach-houſe, and there ſheltered him from the People, who otherwiſe had knocked him on the Head. More of which perhaps you may ſhortly have an Account off.

The Lord *Craven* ſtayed there all the time, and the Duke of *Albermarle* came away about 2 a Clock, but returned about 4 and ſtayed till he ſaw it was quite maſtered, which about 6 a Clock at Night was conquered, the Wind then being much abated, but before it could be fully ſtopped they were fain to Blow up 5 or 6 Houſes juſt before a great Wood-yard and a Brew-houſe, upon which ſeveral Engines very much played and by the great help and encouragement of the Men by Money and Strong-Drink they preſerved them both: as alſo; a *Quakers* Wood-yard near adjoyning; he liberally beſtowed his Mony to all that would work upon which they quickly cleared his Yard of all the Timber. Many Poor people were fain to lye in the Church and Church-yard, that Night, with their Goods, having no Friends at preſent to go to. On *Tueſday* Morning ſome began to dig in their Cellars to find what Iron or other Things the Fire had not conſumed, ſo in a ſhort time, 'tis not queſtioned, but, a true account of the Dead will be given.

Thus we ſee as we increaſe our Sins God has more Judgments in ſtore for us; God grant that every one may amend their Lives and that this may be the laſt Fire that may happen to this great City or Suburbs thereof.

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